CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Lgf002.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1601044.002
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	27 February 2017
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	27 February 2017

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The file is a series of 16 images taken from an explicit video showing the sexual abuse of a young girl. The likely purpose of the material is the sexual arousal and gratification of viewers with a sexual interest in young girls, and its availability encourages sexual exploitation. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.